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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 043517

E.O. 11652: ADS DECLAS 3/5/82

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: TERRORISM: PUNISHMENT OF HIJACKERS OF BRITISH  
AIRWAYS PLANE

REF: THE HAGUE 1067

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION ON IN-FLIGHT CON-  
VERSATION WHICH TERRORISTS CONDUCTED AND WAS THEREFORE  
ABLE TO ALERT POSTS AND AIRLINES TO POSSIBLE THREAT FROM  
GROUP WHICH MOTIVATED HIJACKERS NOW IN HANDS OF NETHERLANDS  
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AUTHORITIES. (STATE 042383).

2. DESPITE FACT THAT NO LIVES WERE LOST IN THIS INCIDENT, HIJACKERS IN QUESTION HAVE COMMITTED VERY SERIOUS CRIME(S) AND DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED BY GOVERNMENTS LIKE GON WHICH STAND FOR INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY AND SECURITY OF PERSON. WE BELIEVE THAT ICAO CONVENTIONS WOULD JUSTIFY PROMPT REFERENCE OF TERRORISTS IN THIS CASE TO APPROPRIATE TRIBUNAL. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE PUNISHMENT APPROPRIATE TO CRIME.

3. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH YOUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE, WHOSE GOVERNMENT HAS DIRECT INTEREST IN MATTER, AND IF YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, REQUEST YOU APPROACH GON, AT WHATEVER

LEVEL YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, AND INQUIRE REGARDING GON INTENTIONS RE PROSECUTION. ASIDE FROM LOGIC OF PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH, YOU MAY STATE THAT USG BELIEVES THAT EVERY COUNTRY HAS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION TO SEE THAT CRIMINALS SUCH AS TERRORISTS APPREHENDED IN THIS INCIDENT SHOULD NOT BE SET FREE TO REPEAT ATROCITIES ANOTHER DAY AND AT ANOTHER PLACE BUT THAT THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT SWIFTLY TO JUSTICE AT SITE OF INCIDENT OR EXTRADITED TO ANOTHER APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION. AS BEIRUT 2512 INDICATES, THESE INDIVIDUALS CLAIM TO BELONG TO GROUP WHICH HAS PERPETRATED OTHER GRAVE CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. MOREOVER, CRIMINAL ACTION IN CURRENT CASE IS SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY PROMPT PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT. KISSINGER

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